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For: GENE ENCODING CAFFEINE)	
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ENZYME AND USE THEREOF)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

7. (Amended) An expression vector comprising the DNA molecule as claimed in [any of claims 1 to 3] claim 1 and a constitution for expressing said N-methyl transferase encoded by the DNA molecule in plant cells.

10. (Amended) A method for producing N-methyl transferase comprising: culturing the transformed cell as claimed in claim 8 [or 9], thereby having said enzyme activities.